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SUBJECT: LESOTHO REFUGEE REPORT NB. 2

REF: STATE 39794, B. MASERU 0208, C. MASERU 1286

1. BEGIN SUMMARY: MASERU'S SECOND REFUGEE REPORT EVINCES LITTLE CHANGE FROM FIRST REPORT (REFTEL C). AAI CONTRIBUTION OF \$100,000 SHOULD HELP RELIEVE REPORTED FISCAL BURDEN OF REFUGEES AT NUL. INFORMATION CONCERNING LARGE DE FACTO REFUGEE GROUP CONTINUES TO BE NEBULOUS. UNHCR AND GOL SUPPORTED GROUP OF REGISTERED REFUGEES EXHIBITED A MODEST GAIN OVER REPORTING PERIOD. (FROM 30 TO 35). GAIN SEEMS TO HAVE BEEN ABSORBED WITH SOME STRESS ON ACCOMMODATIONS BY GOL AND UNHCR RESOURCES. END SUMMARY.

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2. MR. WILBUR JONES, AAI OFICIAL, ARRIVES MARCH 23 REPORTEDLY TO COORDINATE AAI CONTRIBUTION OF \$100,000 TO NATIONAL UNIVERSITY OF LESOTHO (EMBASSY WILL BE FULLY BRIEFED BY JONES ON PURPOSE OF GRANT). CONTRIBUTION IS EXPECTED TO HELP RELIEVE FINANCIAL BURDEN OF REFUGEE SUTDNETS WHO ARE PRESENTLY PAYING RESIDENT TUITION RATES. IN CONJUNCTION WITH DANISH-FUNDED CONSTRUCTION OF DORMITORY FACILITIES (REPORTED REFTEL B), NUL NOW

SEEMS TO BE IN GOOD POSITION TO ABSORB REPORTED REFUGEE INFLUX.

3. DISCUSSIONS WITH GOL OFFICIALS CONCERNING LARGE DE FACTO GROUP OF REFUGEES (PARA 2, REFTEL B2 REMAIN BARREN OF HARD FACTS. NUMBERS ARE NO LONGER EVEN ESTIMATED, NOR ARE ANY FIRM, SPECIFIC REQUESTS BEING MADE FOR ASSISTANCE. EMBASSY ENVISIONS LITTLE NEED FOR USG CONCERN UNTIL GOL CAN PROPERLY IDENTIFY PROBLEM AND DEVELOP PROGRAM TO HANDLE IT.

4. UNHCR AND GOL-SUPPORTED GROUP OF REGISTERED REFUGEES SEEMS TO BE RELATIVELY WELL MANAGED AND STABLE. POST-SOWETO GROUP HAS REGISTERED A MODEST GAIN IN NUMBERS DURING REPORTING PERIOD (30 TO 35, ONE UNIVERSITY AND FOUR -PRE-UNIVERSITY STUDENTS). GOL-PROVIDED STAFF QUARTERS CONTINUE TO HOUSE POST-SOWETO REFUGEES IF

BECOMING SOMEWHAT CRAMPED. BOOKS, TUITIONS AND UNIFORMS ARE BEING PROVIDED BY GOL TO ALL PRE-UNIVERSITY STUDENTS IN ADDITION TO PLACEMENT IN LESOTHO SCHOOL SYSTEM. CHRISTIAN COUNCIL OF LESOTHO IS PROVIDING A LIVING ALLOWANCE OF R20 PER MONTH TO EACH REFUGEE (SOME POST-SOWETO REFUGEES ARE RECEIVING ASSISTANCE FROM FAMILIES IN RSA). REGISTERED REFUGEES SEEM TO BE WELL MAINTAINED BY PRESENT RESOURCES. FUTURE PROBLEM WILL BE EDUCATIONAL ASSISTANCE FOR UNIVERSITY EDUCATION. MOST POST-SOWETO REFUGEES IN LESOTHO SEEM TO PREFER TO REMAIN IN SOUTHERN AFRICA, NEAR HOME, AND SCHOLARSHIP HELP WILL BASICALLY BE DESIRED FOR NUL OR POSSIBLY UBS. STOKES

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